

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, November 27, 1909, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. G. M. H. Nov. 27, (1909). My dear Alec,

I am getting nervous about you. Are you truly all right and are your eyes still troubling you? If they are please do come right down. I really do love you a great deal, and I want you more now I haven't Mamma. Did you know the papers all over the country coupled on to the account of the accident, the statement that after Papa's death you brought suit against his estate for the recovery of funds promised you for your success in teaching me to speak?

I don't see why that old business of the trust could not have been managed some other way. I am afraid people will always think there was trouble in the family. By the way, isn't it funny the way stories get around and survive the years. When Gipsey was on last week she asked me if it was true that you and your father had quarrelled over me, and that he forbade you marrying a deaf mute and the quarrel got so fierce that finally your father came over from Scotland to see me, and seeing me was conquered and gave you his blessing! Also that we were out driving in a buggy one night when we were engaged, and were out so late that my family were alarmed and we reported we had stopped for conversation by lamplight! She said she got the stories from the dentist who knew some Cambridge people who had known me at the time. Fancy remembering the stories all these years.

I haven't anything more to say. I do miss Mamma more all the time. Last birthday she sent me my warm marabout feathers jacket and 2 warm gloves. I've nobody now to give me all those nice little personal things.

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Your loving, Mabel. Yesterday was Melville's 8th birthday. I gave him a bicycle. Daisy feels you don't realize the magnitude of David's work. I wish you would go to his office first thing when you come home.